

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SHORTHAND REPORTERS

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AUGUST 26, 2013

The State Board of Examiners of Shorthand Reporters convened August 26, 2013 in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Board Members Present: John Brandon, Chairperson, Shorthand Reporter
Christine Mannix, Shorthand Reporter
Patricia Masi, Shorthand Reporter
William Mangini, Public Member

Board Members Absent: Kate Kowalyshyn, Attorney

Board Member Vacancy: One Public Member

Board Counsel Not Present: Jose Rene Martinez, Assistant Attorney General

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A., Department of
Consumer Protection
Karen Layman, Department of Consumer
Protection

DCP Staff Not Present: Vicky Bullock, Administrative Hearings Attorney

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Chairperson Brandon called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the May 20, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Chairperson Brandon made a motion to accept the minutes, Patricia Masi seconded, and all were in favor.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY

Chairperson Brandon received a call for an extension of time to get required CEU points. He did not recall this Board ever receiving this type of request. He shared with the Board an email received from Sabina Lohr whose Registered Professional Reporter designation through the NCRA had lapsed.

After a brief discussion regarding one's Licensed Shorthand Reporter designation in Connecticut and an RPR status through NCRA, the Board decided to deny Ms. Lohr the extension. The Board felt it does not have the personnel nor any procedure in place to monitor reporters who are "on extension".

Chairperson Brandon will send Ms. Lohr a letter denying her the additional time along with the reasoning for such decision. The letter will also outline some suggestions for Ms. Lohr to secure CEUs through NCRA.

APPLICATIONS

The Board received two new applications for review and acceptance.

Rachel Riemer, Oxford CT Board reviewed application. Currently licensed in California with an expiration date of November 2013; Bob verified fee paid (in pending status). Board accepted/approved the application.

Angela Shaw-Crockett, Bergenfield, NJ Board reviewed application. Fee payment verified, Board accepted/approved the application.

CORRESPONDENCE

None before the Board today.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob distributed the newly-passed language of Sec.19. Section 20-654 of the general statutes regarding Shorthand Reporters. Chairperson Brandon was happy with the language and was pleased to see paragraph (d) added detailing the actions to be taken regarding lapsed licenses.

NEW BUSINESS

None before the Board today.

Chairperson Brandon asked if there was any more business to be conducted and, there being none, adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Brandon
Chairperson

The next meeting of this Board is scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.